

Memo to -

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

WHEAT HARVEST, 1940-41 - OCTOBER ESTIMATE.

As agreed at a Conference some years ago, each State Statistician prepares estimates of the wheat harvest as at or about the 15th October, November and December each year. It is not the practice to publish the October Estimate, but the Commonwealth Statistician is advised so that he can prepare a provisional estimate for the whole of Australia.

Any estimate based on conditions early in the season must of necessity be open to a wide margin of error.

As is usual, reports have been received dealing with conditions in each of the main wheat producing hundreds (approx. 400), and the present estimate has been compiled on the basis of these reports - giving an estimated yield on present conditions of 17,000,000 bushels from 2,600,000 acres (including areas failed or fed off) or an average per acre of 6½ bushels.

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Statistical Office, ADELAIDE.
18th October, 1940.

Lower North	R	7.93	4.20	8.41	7.38	8.50	6.76	5.93	13.17
	W	11.01	1.74	12.76	12.39	11.20	9.69	8.1	14.59
Upper North	R	4.35	3.11	5.19	4.49	5.28	3.08	3.27	7.89
	W	4.00	0.29	6.71	5.38	6.34	3.96	3.8	9.31
South Eastern	R	12.36	8.51	13.63	14.23	18.51	18.25	12.42	17.96
	W	11.97	2.61	12.14	21.21	19.54	23.37	15.7	13.55
Western	R	8.07	5.37	7.01	7.68	6.94	7.56	7.10	10.21
	W	4.49	1.22	2.81	6.11	3.66	4.58	7.4	7.06
Murray Mallee	R	7.47	3.35	5.78	5.75	7.41	5.74	6.39	9.44
	W	5.01	0.29	3.08	2.76	6.17	3.02	4.6	7.28
State	R	8.34	5.30	8.16	8.32	9.22	8.60	7.52	11.59
	W	7.47	1.41	7.78	8.18	7.79	6.40	7.3	10.60

R. Rainfall April to October, Inches. W. Wheat Yield, Bushels.

DIVISIONAL YIELDS. Central 4,200,000 (8,283,049). Lower North 5,100,000 (15,339,491). Upper North 750,000 (4,263,218). South Eastern 550,000 (744,652). Western 5,600,000 (8,857,094). Murray Mallee 2,800,000 (3,584,192). Total State 19,000,000 (41,071,696) bushels.

Statistical Office,
Adelaide,
21st November, 1940.

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